

I am submitting this testimony as a retired Case Manager at Southbury Training School (STS) to urge you to support a proposal to amend Senate Bill 129, which is currently before your Committee, to reopen STS to new admissions.

As a Case Manager at STS for over 25 years, I was able to see first hand the beneficial resources STS offered to the intellectually and developmentally disabled. Reopening STS to new admissions would help shorten or eliminate the growing waiting list for residential care and services for the intellectually disabled throughout the state. As a state run Intermediate Care Facility, services provided at STS must meet strict federal guidelines. I feel these services would be beneficial to those currently being denied admission due to a court order and a bill passed by the CT Legislature in the 1980's. The court order prohibiting new admissions to STS is no longer in effect. I implore the Committee to reopen new admissions to STS. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
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